

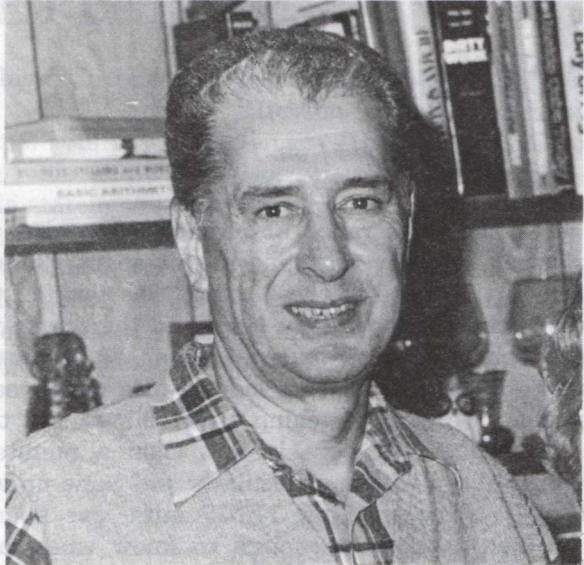
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Bob Gribble

UFOs-PILOT SIGHTINGS AND RADAR TRACKINGS

*By Bob Gribble
PART ONE*

(Mr. Gribble retired from the Seattle, Washington Fire Department of October 30, 1976, after 30 years of service. Bob is another one of the few "old-timers" left — having headed up the National Investigations Commission on Aerial Phenomena and the Aerial Phenomena Research Group from the late 1950s forward. He has operated the National UFO Reporting Service telephone hotline on a 24-hour-per-day basis since his retirement. The following article is comprised of some of the better aircraft — UFO sightings he has collected.)

September 22, 1977 - Three UFOs were tracked on radar as they streaked over Omaha, Nebraska at 3 p.m. One of the four radar controllers who observed the targets gave this description of what happened: "As I was looking at the scope something popped in that was pretty weird to me after working with radar for 17 years. What we were seeing was three objects

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*In view of the past performance of UFOs (they seem to show interest in *everything*) we should not be surprised at the appearance of unidentified aerial objects in an area which is involved in conflict. APRO would like to thank Field Investigator Oscar Padilla L. for the news clipping and English translation which allows us to present the following:*

*The newspaper *Prensa Libra* for October 11, 1982, published the following information pertaining to an event which took place on October 10 (there may be some question concerning the exact date) at dawn.*

Cirilo de Jesus Reyna Reyes, who was on his way to San Juan Astuncalco from Cajola, said he observed hat-shaped objects displaying many lights which frightened him. "They looked like a hat," he said, and "flashed many lights."

Andres Encarmacion Perez, of San Carlos Sija, reported that when the four objects passed over his area, they made a loud, buzzing noise, flew very fast and a friend's radio stopped playing during their passage.

The objects were seen by many of the peasants in both towns, and during the investigation by news correspondent Oscar Figueroa Valente, he learned that natives in Chiquirichapa and Palestina de los Altos, in the same general area, had seen unidentified aerial objects on other occasions in the past.

UFO CLAIMED CAUSE OF FIRE

*August 13, 1982 - Londres, ARGENTINA - According to a story in the Buenos Aire newspaper, *Cronica*, a fire in the town of Londres and nearby areas may have been caused by a UFO. Apparently, the fire began in a field adjacent to Londres and was spread rapidly by a strong wind, causing losses of 50% among the fields of walnut and citrus trees, vineyards and destruction of several homes and buildings.*

Two members of the Londres police department said they saw a strange object touch the ground twice, touching off the flames which roared toward the village, pushed by a wind of 150 kph. According to residents, such a wind has never before been reported in Londres' 400 year history.

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Cause of Fire

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The two policemen said the object was "awesome" especially "because of the size of the vehicle," which they estimated at 50 meters in diameter. The official police report, released by the sub-station in Londres, said that the UFO "moved from west to east at a height of 7 meters, illuminating the ground over an area of 50 meters in circumference, with a yellow light."

Another witness, interviewed by *Cronica*, said, "I saw a yellow and then orange-colored light, very bright, which practically blinded me. On reaching the ground, the light had an effect something like throwing a match into naptha...it made me want to get out of there in a hurry."

Officials are reportedly conducting laboratory analysis on pieces of bluish, apparently glassy, fragments which rained down during the incident. The wife of Javier Navarro, another witness, said she listened as the strange fragments (somewhat like

automobile windshield glass) showered on the roof.

Specialized official task forces from the police and museum scientists are supposedly working at the site in total seclusion. It is not known if any residues, radioactivity, fragments or landing marks have been discovered.

UFOs-Pilot

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that gave the appearance of aircraft. The size was much larger and they appeared out at about 430 kilometers and the speed of these things was terrific. One of the objects was moving in front and there were two of them behind at a distance of about 20 kilometers behind the first one, moving side-by-side at the same speed also. We kept watching these things and they were gone from our scope in less than a minute. I figured the speed with my calculator and came up with a fantastic figure pushing 17,000 miles per hour. I have worked radar long enough to know what radar interference looks like and that was not it. The size of the targets at that distance was tremendous compared to regular aircraft."

October 26, 1977 - While flying at 19,000 feet between Abilene and Dallas, Texas at 5 p.m., the pilot and passenger of a small aircraft spotted a bright red stationary sphere in the distance at their 12 o'clock position. As their airplane closed on the sphere all navigation instruments became erratic and the pilot could not contact any facility by radio. The sphere suddenly changed from red to white, then went into a high speed vertical climb and vanished into space. The pilot said: "As soon as the sphere left we got all of our radio gear back. Our navigation came back and we were way off course."

The two man crew of an Air Force T-38 flying in the same area also observed the red sphere. According to the pilot, "The bright red glowing object was at our 12:30 position approximately 10-12,000 feet and seemed stationary. After viewing the UFO for approximately 15 seconds the sphere appeared to be closing very rapidly. An evasive maneuver was considered but determined unnecessary. It appeared the closing had ceased. The size of the object at this time was about that of a dime." The second member of the crew recalled considerable static over his headset at the time.

November 18, 1977 - A bright white light moving at a high rate of speed came alongside a small aircraft flying at 13,000 feet between Vichy and Troy, Missouri

at 9:17 p.m., and paced the airplane for three minutes. The light then moved away at high speed. The pilot reported that while the light was abreast of his aircraft one of his transponders stopped working. After the UFO pulled away the transponder resumed its normal operation.

December 8, 1977 - Two large, brilliant circular lights maneuvered around a Golden West commuter aircraft for 15 minutes on its flight from Oxnard, California to Los Angeles International airport. "One of the objects paralleled us for ten miles and then it moved away. Then it came back across my 12 o'clock position at a tremendous speed - like you would just snap your finger and it was there. It got so close it scared the hell out of me. There's just no way that whatever that was, could it move with the intensity and the speed that it came to my 12 o'clock position, but it did," the pilot said. The Captain of the aircraft had been flying as a commercial pilot for 10 years.

At 8 p.m. the same night - about 45 minutes before the airliner incident - four unidentified objects were tracked on radar by two air traffic controllers at a facility near Oxnard. "We spotted four moving targets on the radar scope about three to five miles north of Laguna Peak. Scope readouts indicated that the targets appeared to move five miles in a sweep of the scope. I've always had an open mind about UFOs, but I've never seen anything like this in all the 20 years that I have worked as an air traffic controller," one controller said. "We watched the targets on the scope for nearly three hours."

December 17, 1977 - At about 3:45 a.m. radar facilities in Colorado and South Dakota tracked two unknowns moving at speeds in excess of 1000 miles per hour. One of the UFOs made a close head-on pass at an aircraft in the area, the approach being observed on radar. The objects moved about over a wide area for 30 minutes and their presence was unmistakable by the "strong" radar returns. A third radar station was unable to function while the objects were in the area and one of the two operational facilities was put out of service when the main shaft holding the radar antenna was severely bent by an unexplained force.

February 5, 1978 - A company airplane with six persons aboard was flying 20 miles northwest of Klamath Falls, Oregon at about 8 p.m. when all six persons observed a V-formation of 10 large, bright whitish-Orange lights pacing the aircraft on the starboard side. After about 10 seconds the formation climbed slightly and moved away to the southwest at high speed.

February 19, 1978 - Two radar operators tracked a "large" UFO over Minnesota at 1:20 p.m. The object moved at a fantastic speed as it maneuvered about in

the sky in an apparent attempt to evade the radar beam. The object was first picked up on the radar screen at an altitude of about 8000 feet. Before the object finally moved away two separate radar systems were employed in an attempt to track the object. The following description of the incident was obtained from the radar operators: "I got a good solid signal and it looked like an aircraft. I put the radar over on manual and moved it over on the target and as soon as I did the thing started going up rapidly so I followed it up. Then it stopped, then it went down. It appeared to be taking evasive action. As soon as I would get on it with radar it would move to get out of the radar beam. We got actual times on it and it went 5000 feet in less than a second. I figured it out to be about 3400 miles per hour. It moved up and down on the vertical, instantaneously!"

It took both of us to keep on it. I got the impression that it was something that was evading the radar beam and knew that we were trying to track it. I tried to follow it manually and the beam jumped from side to side. It looked like it just got a hold of the beam, more or less took control of the radar beam, I guess. The beam would jump to one side or jump to the other. Every time I tried to get on it, it would deflect it automatically. As soon as I would get close to being on it, it would jump off to one side or the other. After we lost it the beam went right back to normal."

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TRANSITION

Early 1983 was not the happiest of times for APRO. On January 8, Edith Hammond, an APRO member for 22 years and a staunch supporter, passed away at her home in Oregon. Mrs. Hammond was one of those upon whom Headquarters could depend for information and news clips which came to hand from time to time. She was always supportive of our work and a dear friend. She is sorely missed.

Many of you will remember the cheerful voice of Christine Panter when she answered the APRO phone during her tenure as Office Manager from October 1978 through June 1981.

Shortly after she left APRO she learned she had cancer, and Christine put up a tough battle against the disease until her death on February 9, 1983. She was well known by the Tucson APRO membership and her absence leaves a void.

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PLEASE!
Send Address Changes



Maxine McCoy

NEW MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

When APRO moved its public offices into the Lorenzen home, other changes were also necessary. Prior to that time, Madeleine Cooper had processed new members and routine inquiries at her home.

However, because of the drop-off of UFO interest and the increased financial problems brought by the recession, there were not sufficient duties to warrant Madeleine's frequent trips to and from the office. Therefore, Mrs. Cooper's work was taken over by other volunteers.

At this writing, now that a firm schedule has been established, Mrs. Maxine McCoy has been established as our new Membership Secretary, and processes membership and subscription inquiries as well as new members. Maxine is a devoted and enthusiastic volunteer and her husband, Jim McCoy, is a member of APRO'S Board of Directors.

APRO Headquarters owes a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Cooper who, from 1969 thru 1981, served as our Membership Secretary. Two major surgeries in that time did not lessen her willingness to help, nor even interrupt her services to any extent. She is still active in APRO and we expect to have her good cooperation when needed in the years to come.

AN EXCEPTION

While a lot of people think that, as a rule, TV is a vast wasteland of drivel, there is an occasional

exception to wit:

On the CBS Network Evening News, on Sunday March 13, heard in Tucson at 10:00 p.m., a short item dealt with "Big Ear", a radio telescope receiver, located in a field near Ohio State University. (We didn't catch which location).

It seems that the field on which the telescope is located has been sold to a local golf club which intends to tear down the telescope in order to construct a golf course.

Junior High students at Arlington, Ohio have decided to try to save the telescope by raising money to buy the land. One of their money-making endeavors is a T shirt emblazoned with the legend: "Save Big Ear," which sells for \$5.00.

The nugget of information which stood out was an interview with a man involved with the operation of the telescope. He did not give a date, but stated, almost off-handedly, that at one time, an intelligent signal "from outer space" was coming in and suddenly it was discontinued as if it had been "switched off." Does anyone in the readership have any further information on this?

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CASH-LANDRUM UPDATE

By Coral E. Lorenzen

At about 9 p.m. on December 29, 1980, Mrs. Betty Cash, Mrs. Vickie Landrum and the latter's grandson, Colby, were driving in the vicinity of Dayton, Texas (in the Houston area) when a brilliantly lit object came down out of the sky and hovered over the roadway. For a period of several minutes, the three terrified people watched the object until it elevated and began moving off into the southwest.

Cash, Landrum and Landrum suffered terrifying and painful physical effects, including burns, swelling, vomiting, diarrhea and running eyes, all of which have the characteristics of radiation "poisoning" or exposure. Mrs. Cash, who stood outside the car for the longest period of time, suffered the most and, indeed, is still quite ill, over two years after the fact.

The object in question has been insinuated to be a UFO. However, APRO has taken the position that it is, in actuality, a U. S. experimental aircraft which malfunctioned, forcing it to low altitude in a heavily populated area.

The foregoing data is presented to acquaint newcomers with the basic data concerning the Cash-Landrum case. We have promised our readership

an update on available material. John Schuessler, who, with Alan Holt, heads up the investigation for VISIT, has been forwarding occasional additional materials to update the file. Most recent of these includes the information that the 23 helicopters observed by the percipients, kept a distance of at least $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 mile away from the object at all times.

This is an important point, as it indicates that the pilots of said helicopters had fore-knowledge of the nature and therefore the danger involved with close approach to the craft.

Mr Schuessler seems to think it is significant that no one has been able to identify the origin of the helicopters - including the Inspector General of the Army, who undertook an investigation. This is not surprising. Anyone who is or has been a member of the armed forces, knows that when the Inspector General has been called in for an investigation, the targets of said investigation know about it almost as soon as the Inspector General does. There's adequate time for a "cover-up". I find it strange that while some Ufologists support the idea of a cover-up by the U. S. government where the UFO problem is concerned, they *don't want* to consider a *cover-up* if a military weapon is involved, especially if it is, like the Cash-Landrum object, initially mistaken for a UFO.

In his closing statement on the "That's Incredible" television program, over one year ago, Mr. Schuessler, addressing himself to the possibility that the object involved could have been mundane and military in nature, said that he "would not like" to think the U. S. government would allow a dangerous vehicle like that to penetrate the air space over a heavily populated area.

No one would like to think that! But that doesn't mean it couldn't happen and in this case it did. And let's not kid ourselves -security and the "project" will take precedence over public safety any day, where military secrecy is concerned!

The latest development has been the receipt, here at APRO Headquarters, of a very comprehensive document outlining the physical complaints, medical treatment and test results of the percipients in the case, with the stipulation that the material could not be copied or released. I started to write an encapsulated outline of the material to forward to the concerned scientists in APRO but finally had to give up the project because of pressure of other works. The "no copying" stipulation ties our hands where distribution of the information and evaluation of same by qualified scientists, is concerned.

We have also been informed that, along with Bob Pratt, formerly a writer with the National Enquirer, Mr. Schuessler is working on a book dealing with the Cash-Landrum case. We hope that their treatment of the evidence is fair and impartial and that they present the case for malfunction of a military experimental

aircraft as the probable solution to this mystery.

Granted, the experimental aircraft answer won't be nearly as exciting and salable as a UFO, but the evidence to date indicates that Cash, Landrum and Landrum observed a military aircraft (probably Army or Navy) which had experienced a malfunction of the on-board reactor, resulting in a high neutron flux - and therefore, physical injury to the unfortunate witnesses.

I'm sure the pilot did not choose to come down in the Houston area, any more than any pilot chooses to crash-land his malfunctioning aircraft where it ultimately lands. But it happens.

One individual who has been widely lauded as some kind of "scientific" expert, has suggested that the object in the C-L case was actually a UFO, which was in touch with American military authorities and trying to give them a little "inside information" on their propulsion. The rationales of this type of thinker get stranger and stranger so we won't bore the reader with more. If anything of any substance is upcoming, it will be published.

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CB INTERFERENCE DURING UFO PRESENCE

July 12, 1982 - Elkhart, INDIANA - Albert Kreider was driving to work at about 4 a.m. when a bright light shone from overhead onto his car. He described the object at first appeared to be a small plane trailing a banner, but "it wasn't shaped like an airplane."

At the same time, Rex Mullins said he and three friends were "plotting stars", something he does as a hobby, when they saw an object nearly hit the Kreider car. Kreider denies this, but Mullins' description of the object nearly matches that of Kreider.

Mullins described the same green and white lights and said the object appeared to be shaped like an "8". "It looked like it was wobbling and couldn't keep its balance. It looked like it was coming down, then gained altitude and something fell off of it" as it disappeared behind a wooded area to the west, said the Mullins.

Officials say the bright green light was a meteor, but this would not explain the trouble Mullins had with his CB radio. He attempted to use the radio shortly after the sighting and found it wouldn't work. Mullins said a semi-tractor driver who pulled over was also unable to get his CB to work, but he drove away before Mullins could talk to him.

Mullins said he saw something similar at 1 p.m. the previous day while at his home. The object was being

chased by three airplanes, but eluded them. He checked with Grissom AFB but was told there were no planes in the area at the time. The object he saw the following morning "looked like the thing the jets were chasing."

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OBJECT OVER RESTRICTED MILITARY AREA - 1975

October, 1975 - Loring AFB, MAINE - The Manchester, Connecticut, *Herald* recently published the report of a UFO hovering over a nuclear weapons storage area at Loring Air Force Base, Maine, in 1975. Steve Eichner was a crew chief on a B-52, working the second shift, when he saw the red-orange object that looked like a "stretched-out football" hovering over the area where nuclear bombs carried by the B-52s were stored.

The object was only visible for a short time before the lights on it went out and it disappeared. Within a few minutes, it reappeared over an airstrip and Eichner's crew drove toward it, down a back road and into a restricted area where even they should not have been.

The men stopped the truck about 300 feet away from the object, which was hovering about five feet off the ground. The object appeared to be about the length of four cars, seemed to be solid - no doors or windows visible - and made no noise. The men got out of the truck and observed the object for about 15 seconds before "the base went crazy" and security forces began to converge on the airstrip with sirens and flashing lights, then the craft took off.

Eichner said he later heard that the craft was pursued by an F-4 aircraft which clocked the object at speeds in excess of 1,200 mph - and it pulled away from the F-4 "like it was standing still." He also heard that communications were cut off while the object was over the base.

The next day, officials called the people on the base together and said that what they saw was a helicopter. "We know it was no helicopter," said Eichner. "It couldn't have been."

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UFO LANDING AT PALACE?

According to London's *Daily Express*, a "reliable" national service guardsman spotted a brilliantly lit

UFO on the lawn at Stockholm's royal palace when he was on duty late one evening. Guardsman Per Troell said, "There was a tail fin. There could have been windows, I'm not certain. There were no wings... and no noise. Immediately it landed, it rose and flew away again."

Troell reported it to his commander but King Carl Gustaf and Queen Silvia, who were in the palace at the time, were not told until much later. Officials are refusing to comment on the report.

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ELECTRICAL PHENOMENA DURING UFO SIGHTING

August 10 thru 15, 1982 - Green River Valley, WASHINGTON - A couple driving near the Lake Sawyer area at about 10:30 p.m. on the 10th saw an object in the sky that appeared to have searchlights pointing into outer space. Then the beams shifted to the ground. The lights from the large object appeared to come closer near Lake Sawyer and the high tension wires began arcing and making loud noises. As the husband turned the car to leave, a light illuminated the inside of the car, primarily on the driver's side "sort of in his face."

The next day, Patrick Clausing was driving toward Auburn at about 6 p.m. when he saw an object which at first resembled a hot air balloon. He noticed something was amiss when the balloon didn't move, even though it was windy. Clausing said the object was about 100 feet in diameter, lozenge-shaped and metallic. He watched the object for about 30 seconds as it followed the shape of the land above the treetops at high speed. Then it accelerated over the crest of the hill and when he got there it was gone. "When it accelerated, it was in terms of hundreds of miles an hour, instead of vanishing," said Clausing.

On August 15 at about 11:30 p.m., a Pacific couple were lying in bed in their home near Hwy. 167 when their bedroom was flooded with a brilliant white light, followed by a bright red light. At the same time, the couple's children were watching television in another room and said there had been a brief disturbance in the television reception.

During the same five day time period, a woman who is an independent film producer was on a Tacoma hillside filming toward the west. Something crossed the view of the camera, but she thought it was a bird. When the film was developed, it turned out to be an object about 30 feet in diameter which looked like a cloud. By estimating the distance the object traveled

in crossing the field of view and the speed of film, it was determined that the object was going approximately 1,220 mph.

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LETTERS

This is in reference to the APRO Bulletin, Volume 31, No. 1, article "Hickson Predicts Coming of Aliens." As I read the article I began to have doubts about his abduction. How many other people have made statements that they are *one* of the *chosen few*? Several, right?

But this is besides the point. The point I'd like to make is this: please leave these kinds of stories to the tabloids. How do other members feel about this? Write APRO and give your opinion.

Sincerely,

(signed)
J. R. Gillis,
Field Investigator

(Editor's Note: Hickson's conviction that he received a "Message" does not necessarily negate his experience. We have found that many "abductees", particularly under the onslaught of publicity, attempt to rationalize their sudden popularity, and arrive at the conviction that they have been "chosen" for some reason or another. We have more or less regarded it as a phenomenon within a phenomenon. APRO was the only investigative organization (actually the only viable one at the time) involved in the Hickson-Parker incident, and Hickson's current claims do not necessarily reflect on the genuineness of what they reported. Reporting on this particular press story was by way of keeping the readers up to date on current trends.)

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EERIE SILENCE DURING UFO SIGHTING

August 10, 1982 - Glendive, MONTANA - Oscar Mavelten was camping on a gravel bar about 16 miles south of Glendive. Around 3:30 a.m. he woke up in his sleeping bag and saw a huge, bright, ball-shaped light moving slowly about a mile upstream. "There was absolutely no sound at all. The animals didn't even

make a noise - it was strange," he said.

He awoke his friend, Harry Huotari, who gave a similar account of the incident. "The big, bright object was standing still for awhile and then moved slowly, and to the trees behind us," said Huotari. He also heard no sound but said the birds started squawking again afterwards.

This is the most recent in a series of sightings in the area over a 12-year period. The last incident reported in the county was five years ago, but there were six incidents statewide in 1981.

(Editor's note: This case illustrates a fairly common characteristic of UFO sightings in rural areas - the lack of animal and insect sounds during the presence of a UFO.)

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PRESS REPORTS

By Joe and Doris Graziano

ENGLAND, September (?), 1982 - Bromley Common - Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Crawford were playing with their cats in their garden at dusk when suddenly they saw a "strange, huge kite-shaped flying object coming towards us." At first they thought it must be a "massive great kite." But when it got closer they realized that it was much too big and that it had a light with a dome on top.

The object came slowly towards the couple, floating and wavering from side to side. "It made no noise, but when it got overhead it circled and then went straight up into the clouds," said Mr. Crawford.

In April 1977, two young girls saw what they described as an elongated triangle-shaped object in the same area as the Crawford sighting. The "craft" had a yellowish light on it, was moving very slowly and made no sound.

In the summer of the same year, three women saw a "bright, white triangular light" hovering over house tops. And in December of 1980 several people sighted the same shaped object moving "blunt edge foremost" across the night sky.

SOUTH WALES, September, 1982 - Several sightings, all within 11 days of each other, occurred in a triangle of South Wales near the Severn estuary, only 5 miles from a U.S. arms depot. In the first incident David Mason and his wife, Angela, spotted an object the size of the moon that hovered and then shot off at an incredible speed.

Six nights later Paul and Beryl Spreadbury were driving to their Ponhir home when they spotted what looked like a glowing cottage loaf. The object moved

slowly at first and then shot off.

Constables Simon Holder and Tim Banks spotted a brilliant white object surrounded by red and blue flashing lights while on a night patrol near Monmouth. They said one of the red lights moved away from the rest of the object and appeared to land.

TEXAS, September 14, 1982 - Ennis - A couple sighted an object said to be as large as a house at about 10:30 p.m. It was flying at housetop level and was surrounded by a ring of white lights with alternate red flashing lights. One of the couple saw the object again around 1 a.m. and said it was flying so low it had to gain altitude to clear a water tower.

Another man saw the object fly directly overhead at 5:30. He said the lights were so bright coming from the object that it cast a shadow directly under large oak trees in his yard.

All of the witnesses said the object seemed to have a flare effect coming from it and made no sound or noise of any kind.

WASHINGTON, September 17, 1982 - Aberdeen - Ralpf Flowers, a columnist for the *Daily World*, was accompanying Kelly Lund, a game agent, on a late-night deer count in the Satsop River drainage. Around 10 p.m., they noticed what appeared to be a bright, pulsating star about 30° up from the horizon.

Lund got out his binoculars and verified that it was not a star but a pulsating bluish-green light. When they drove off several minutes later the light was still hanging in the same spot in the sky. A half hour later they observed it again from a different road.

Flowers had spotted another unidentified object in April, 1968. He was on a ridge between the east fork of the Hoquiam River at 8:30 a.m. when he saw a dark object hovering in the gray, rainy sky. Through binoculars, he could see a round object with a protuberance on one side, shaped very much like a Christmas tree ball.

The object moved at approximately 40 mph, rotating as it moved, and was losing altitude. It dropped below the tree line and passed within 600 yards of Flowers, who estimated its diameter at less than 4 feet. It then made a sudden left turn, headed up a side canyon and disappeared below a ridge. Flowers, who assumed it had crashed, searched the area for 2 hours but could find nothing.

TEXAS, September 18, 1982 - San Angelo - Mrs. John Guess reported seeing a bright, reddish flash around 11:30 p.m. and watched as smoking debris fell into her back yard. She said the flash lasted about a minute and lit up most of the block.

She went out to her patio and caught a strong smell of smoke "like burning paper." The debris appeared to look like crumpled-up tinfoil. Tom Guthrie, a neighbor,

saw "a similar flash two weeks ago," said Mrs. Guess, "but no one reported hearing any noise or seeing any debris."

Fire and Arson Investigator Ken Land said he has collected several samples of the debris for analysis. "It's not plastic," he said. "It could be a type of fireworks, but none of the witnesses reported hearing any noise. All they saw was a bright flash and smoke."

WASHINGTON, September 25, 1982 - Wenatchee - Warren Bissonnette said his mother, Louella, woke him at 2:45 a.m. to watch two reddish-orange lights hovering in the sky. They stopped a passerby on the sidewalk who also watched the lights.

Bissonnette said the lights seemed to pulsate and were about 3 times brighter than a star. One was stationary and the other moved first horizontally, then downward out of sight. The stationary one then disappeared in the distance. The sighting lasted about 5 minutes.

IDAHO, October 19, 1982 - Sandpoint - Chip Roos was at his Sunnyside home at about 7:53 p.m. when he and his wife and 11 and 13-year-old children saw an "impressive flying object. A pair of white lights were headed due east at about a 60° angle upward followed by a red light and 2 green lights in triangular formation.

The witnesses could see background stars between the lights, meaning they possibly weren't connected. Roos estimated that the lights crossed about 10 miles in 40 seconds before receding into the distance. He later calculated the speed at approximately 1,950 mph. Despite the terrific speed, no sound was heard from the lights.

OHIO, October 19, 1982 - Tiffin - Stella Cliff was outside feeding her dog at about 8 p.m. when she saw a "strange object in the sky" just south of her residence. It appeared to be an arc or boomerang shape, slightly hazed over, and was stationary at cloud level. After about 2 or 3 minutes, the lights got very intense and the object vanished.

AUSTRALIA, November 13, 1982 - Rockhampton - Police and 7 residents watched 4 strange lights that hovered for more than half an hour. The lights, accompanied by a "weird crackling noise," were first seen by a resident at about 11:15 p.m. Within minutes 7 people were watching the lights "dancing" above them.

They called the police, who arrived in time to watch for several minutes before the lights disappeared. Constable Trevor Edwards described 4 reddish lights "in the shape of the Southern Cross" hovering above the street.